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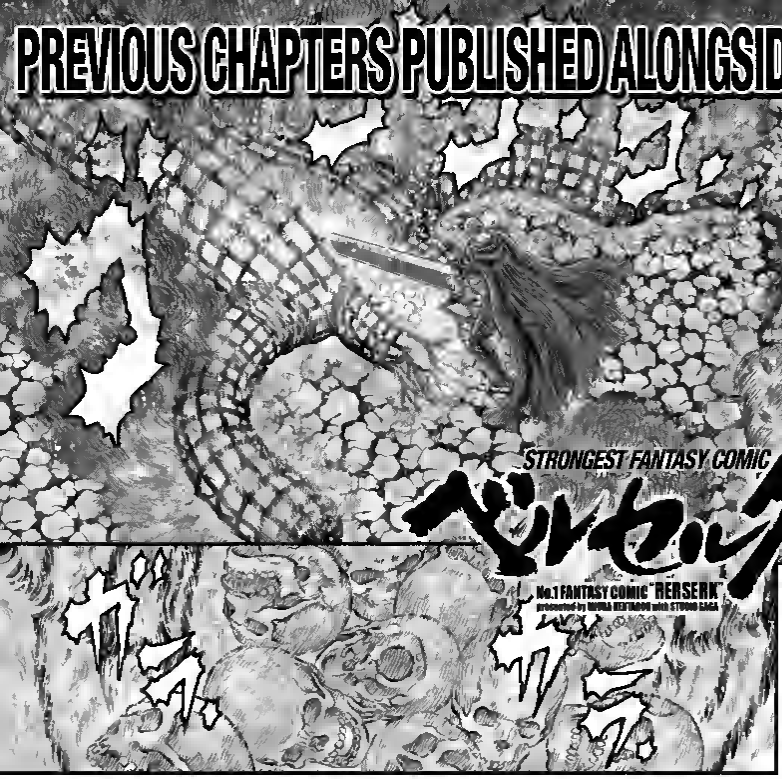

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Chapter 344 The Witches' Village

WE SHOULD JET RIGHT THE HECK NOW!
BUT ALL IS NOT WELL... AT THIS RATE THE FIRE WILL ENGULF THE ENTIRE FIELD
INTER-LOPERS
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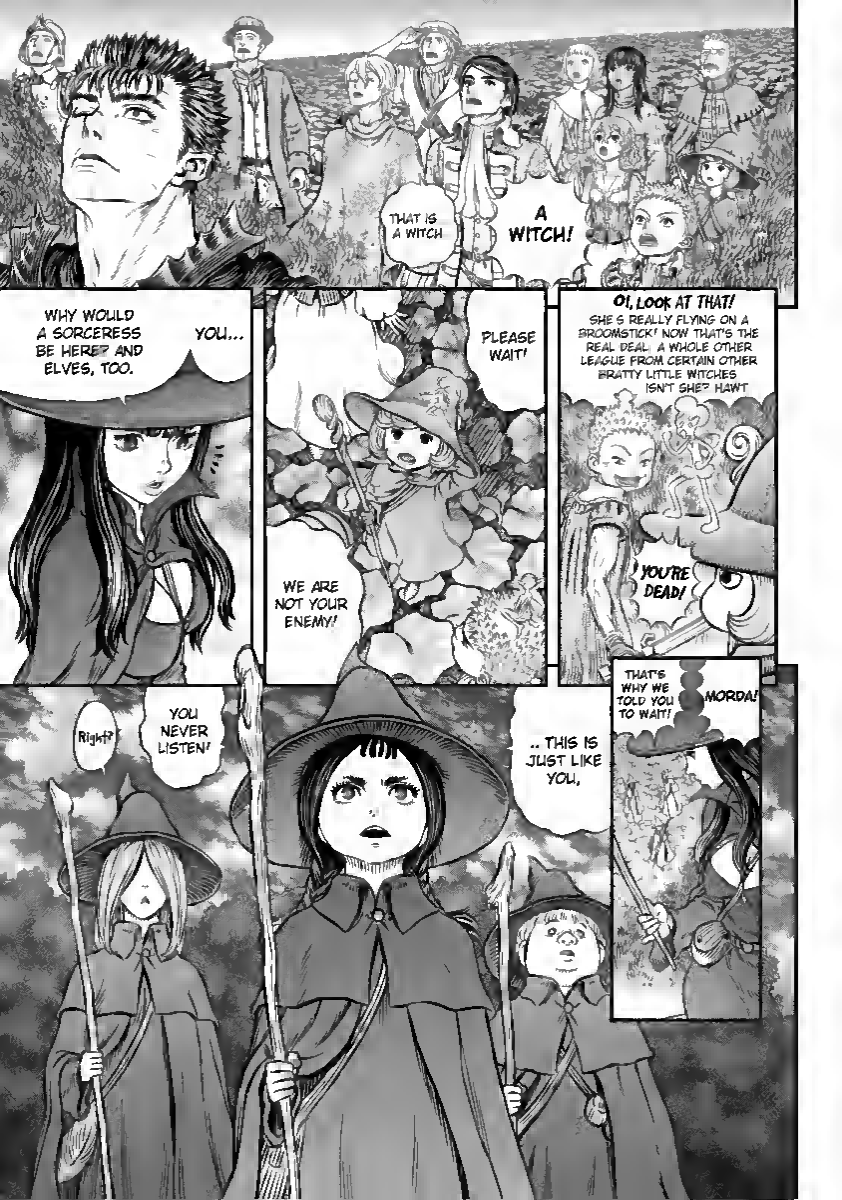
NOT SO FAST,
THERE SHALL BE NO ESCAPE FOR YOU, YOU MAY BURN!
YOU'VE JUST RUINED MY DARLING DOLL.


A WITCH!
THAT IS A WITCH
WHY WOULD A SORCERESS BE HERE? AND ELVES, TOO.
YOU...
PLEASE WAIT!
WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMY!
OI, LOOK AT THAT!
SHE'S REALLY FLYING ON A BROOMSTICK! NOW THAT'S THE REAL DEAL. A WHOLE OTHER LEAGUE FROM CERTAIN OTHER BRATTY LITTLE WITCHES ISN'T SHE? HAWT
YOU'RE DEAD!
MORDA!
THAT'S WHY WE TOLD YOU TO WAIT!
.. THIS IS JUST LIKE YOU,
YOU NEVER LISTEN!
Right?

THE SORCERERS OF SKELLIG ISLAND TALK LATER.
UM... ARE YOU THE ISLAND'S
WE MAY NOT HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO CALL THE MAGE...
MAGE ?
BUT THE FIRE BURNS FIERCELY
Wait sorry! They're well-done.
Thanks ...
Hm? Is that you, Puck?
IF WE DON'T DO SOME-THING NOW THE ORCHARD WILL GO UP IN SMOKE
OHHH... I WORKED SO HARD FOR THOSE PUMPKINS...

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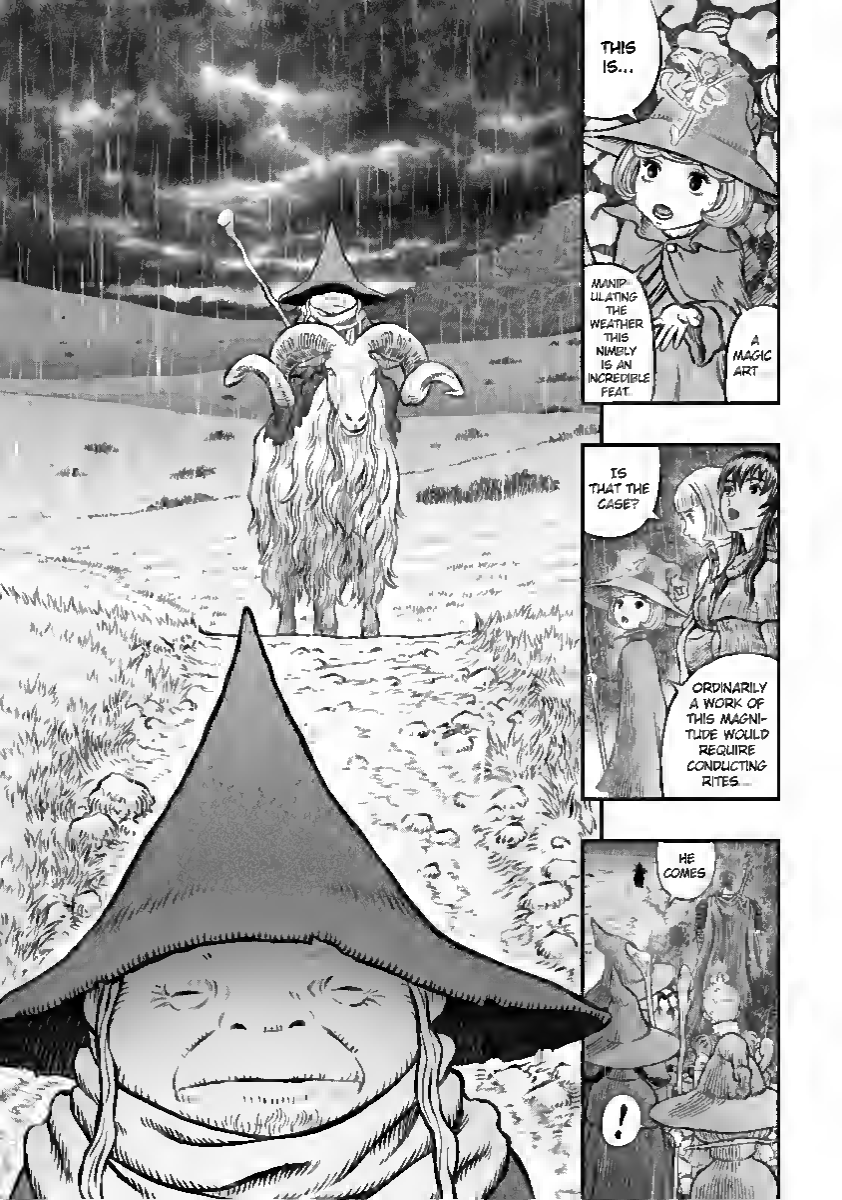
THIS IS...
MANIP-ULATING THE WEATHER THIS NIMBLY IS AN INCREDIBLE FEAT.
A MAGIC ART
IS THAT THE CASE?
ORDINARILY A WORK OF THIS MAGNI-TUDE WOULD REQUIRE CONDUCTING RITES.
HE COMES
!

MASTER ARCHMAGE.
Mm.
NOT A SERIOUS MATTER.
Yo, GRAMPA GED
WELCOME BACK, YOU NO-GOOD TRICKSTER.
I WILL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A TALKING-TO LATER.
AS FOR YOU, MORDA.
Hm!
THANK YOU FOR STANDING WATCH, KLIKKA, IONY, THELINE.
IT WAS NOTHING.

MY APOLOGIES. LIKE ME, THIS GOAT IS OLD. THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHILDREN OVERTAKE US.
IT SEEMS THIS DELAYED RECEPTION HAS CAUSED YOU SOME INCONVENIENCE, DISTANT TRAVELERS.
I AM ONE OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE ISLAND'S SORCERERS.
I AM GEDFRYN.

SO THEN...
AS I THOUGHT, THAT BOY...
HM... WERE YOU AWARE OF OUR ARRIVAL, ARCH-MAGE?
THE KING OF ELVES HAD AN ORACLE
THAT A SMALL WHIRLWIND, BLOWN FROM THIS ISLAND,
WOULD SWEEP UP MANY FATES BEFORE RETURNING AS A RAGING TEMPEST.
A SMALL WHIRLWIND FROM THE ISLAND
YOU MEAN...
'TIS I,
HURRI-CANE
SOMEONE WHO SWALLOWS UP EVERYONE AROUND THEM IN A GREAT MAELSTROM OF DESTINY...!
HURRI-CANE RUCK!?
SHEER COINCI-DENCE

ASKING ME TO BE KIND TO THEIR BELOVED PUPIL WHO WOULD SOON COME CALLING.
AN OLD FRIEND APPEARED TO ME IN A DREAM.
THERE WAS ANOTHER PREMONITION.
And just like that he presumes to be the protagonist
MY SINCERE APOLOGIES~~
YOU WERE ALL DRAGGED INTO THE EPIC OF PUCK AS BIT PLAYERS.
THAT WAS...
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LET US BE OFF TO OUR HAMLET FOR NOW,
TO REST UP AFTER YOUR JOURNEY
I CAN INTRODUCE YOU TO THE ELFIN KING
SEEMS WELL INFORMED, DOESN'T HE?
THAT'S A GREAT SORCERER FOR YOU.

AN OLD MAN TREE.
IT'S AN OLD MAN.
SOME KINDA LANDSCAPING ARTWORK?
HMM. NOT WOODEN OLD MEN, BUT ACTUAL OLD MAN WOODS, EH? HOW QUEER
THEY LOOK LIKE THEY COULD COME ALIVE ANY SECOND, THAT'S AWESOME!
THEY DO THAT.
RYAAAH!
Bah!
THE FOOL! PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE ISLAND DO LIVE UP TO THEIR REPUTATION.
Him especially.
Come oooon,
STOP MESSING AROUND AND LET'S GO.
Not the tongue!!
Don't... don't lick me!

THAT'S MORDA.
I'M KUKKA
ICONY
THELINE HERE.
CALL ME IVALERA
SCHIERKE PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
HOW DID TWO ELVES AND A SORCERESS LIKE YOURSELF END UP KEEPING SUCH COMPANY?
Ech! sticky tree sap!
You clowns! What are you doing?!
VARIOUS TWISTS OF FATE...
WE JOURNEY TO...
THE BRAND
WE COME IN SEARCH OF LANDS WHERE A CURSED WOMAN MAY FIND PEACE
THAT IS WHAT HER COMPANIONS WANT SUPPOSEDLY
AH,
SO YOU'VE COME TO RECLAIM HER MIND

...!
CAN REACH THE INNERMOST DEPTHS OF ONE'S HEART, WITH HIS HALL OF DREAMS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE
I'VE HEARD THAT THE FLOWER-STORM KING
TRULY !?
AU
...
YOU CROSS THE GREAT SEA FOR SUCH A FAINT HOPE.
UH ...?
JUST AS THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO BE TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN
YOU'RE A DRIVEN BUNCH THOUGH..
YOU'RE A SORCERESS, SO SURELY YOU FELT IT? THAT TREMENDOUS EVENT

THE SHRIEK OF THE ASTRAL WORLD.
THAT IS WHAT WE CALL IT.
HE DEVASTATED THE SPIRIT WOOD, THE SEALS ON THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD.
THE HANDIWORK OF THE BEING KNOWN AS THE FALCON OF LIGHT.
WHAT HAS HE DONE, OLD MAN!?
THE SPIRIT WOOD...!?
THE FALCON OF LIGHT...!
DETAILS WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE REACH THE VILLAGE
SEE,
IT IS JUST OVER YONDER.

THAT IS THE FLOWERSTORM KING'S ELFHELM.
IT IS ALSO THE HOME OF US SORCERERS.
A STORM OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS, APTLY NAMED..!
THAT CHERRY TREE IS FREAKING HUGE!
Aah... I can't find the words for it.

LOOKIN' LIKE SCHIERKE'S OLD PLACE ALL AROUND.
IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT~
HATVILLE!
NOW THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES, DOESN'T IT?

WHAT'RE THEY DOING?
OVER THERE
THAT TAKES ME BACK I USED TO DO THAT VERY OFTEN. THOUGH I HAD NO ONE ELSE TO DO IT WITH...
I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU LATER.
MAKING SMALL TREES SPROUT LIKE THAT IS DELICATE WORK AND EXCELLENT TRAINING.
THE YOUNG-STERS ARE PRACTICING USING THEIR ENERGIES.
HERE WE LEARN AND TEACH EACH OTHER...
AC-CORDING TO OUR ABILI-TIES.
THAT WAY,
EVERYONE CAN REFINE THEIR MAGICS EVERY DAY.

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BUT IF YOU BECOME THEIR APPRENTICE AND HELP THEM WITH THEIR RESEARCH, THERE IS MUCH TO LEARN.
THERE ARE SOME MAGES WHO IMMERSE THEMSELVES COMPLETELY IN ARCANE STUDIES,
IT'S JUST DULL.
Meh,
MORDA ...!
!
I SEE...
HOW WONDER-FUL...
Er...
A SORCERER TRAINING CAMP... RATHER, A SEAT OF ARCANE ACADEMICS.
IT'S A WASTE OF TIME AND TALENT.
WE PERFECT OUR SKILLS BUT DON'T SET FOOT OUTSIDE THE ISLAND,
THAT IS WHAT SORCERERS ARE ALL ABOUT!
THE PURSUIT OF UNIVERSAL TRUTH AND ALL CREATION.
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN SAYING!?

HEY, DON'T JUST–
YOU'RE TOO SET IN YOUR WAYS, KUKKA, I THINK BROADENING YOUR HORIZONS A LITTLE WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU.
WELL THAT GOES
FOR EVERYONE ELSE AROUND HERE TOO THOUGH
Say,
TELL ME SOMETHING NEW! ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
CREEPY, WHY ARE THEY HERE?
BARBARIANS!?
DID THEY COME FROM OUTSIDE...?
HUH? WHY DO THEY LOOK LIKE THAT?
THOSE PEOPLE...
BUT JUST THEM BEING SO OBVIOUSLY SCARED MAKES ME WANT TO LIVE UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS!
THE FEARSOME BARBARIAN COMETH!
I'M AN ENTERTAINER AT HEART! FLY, LITTLE GIRLS!
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Of course you have
WE'VE SEEN THAT BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?
THAT REACTION?

1, 2
1, 2
Okay!
Keep a steady beat, everyone!
THIS, TOO, I'VE SEEN BEFORE.
THE CRUELEST SPOT TO ATTACK..!
GIAGAAH!
COME QUIETLY AND CELEBRATE THE GREAT PUCK'S SAFE RETURN.
NOW, EVERY-ONE,
SO YOU DID LEAVE THE ISLAND?
WE HAVEN'T SEEN A SIGHT OF YOU AND NOW...
out of respect for my-
IT'S PUCK.
HUH!? PUCK!
YOU SCRAWLED GRAFFITI ON MY MAGIC CIRCLE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RITUAL...!
YOU CAUSED A HEALTH HAZARD BY UPENDING EVERY CAGE OF BUGS AND SNAKES IN MY FAMILY'S HOUSE...!
YOU POURED MY LOVE POTION INTO THE ARCHMAGES' TEA...!
HOW COULD YOU TAKE A BATH IN MY KETTLE AS I WAS BREWING A POTION...!

HOW IS THIS FINE!?
SPLENDID, YOU SEEM TO BE GETTING ON JUST FINE.
NOW,
TO MY MANOR.
AT LONG LAST, THE ABODE OF THE ELDWERSTORM KING!
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